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**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Jennifer and Community Preservation Committee Members,

We're pleased to submit applications for three affordable housing developments, Main Street Chatham, Meetinghouse Road Chatham, and Queen Anne Road Harwich; each requesting \$100,000 in support. We understand this represents multiple applications for projects located outside Orleans, and we want to acknowledge the unique nature of this request.

These three projects represent Pennrose's new housing developments on the Lower and Outer Cape, a region with a deeply interconnected housing market and a special, fragile year round community that is under tremendous strain from the high demand of seasonal visitors and vacation homes. Year round residents face extreme challenges in finding stable housing, which impacts the workforce, local businesses, and the overall fabric of life on Cape Cod. The unique and precious character of Cape Cod depends on maintaining strong year round communities, and housing is central to that goal.

Regional collaboration has proven essential in addressing the Cape's housing crisis. In our past work, including the Village at Nauset Green in Eastham, we received CPC contributions from neighboring towns (Orleans and Wellfleet). Similarly, our Phare development in Orleans (redevelopment of the former Cape Cod 5 office building) received funding support from eight towns across the region (Harwich, Chatham, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown). This regional approach recognizes that housing needs do not stop at town borders and that stable housing supports the entire Lower and Outer Cape communities.

We welcome discussion with your committee on how best to stagger or allocate funding among these projects if needed and deeply appreciate your consideration and commitment to preserving the Cape's unique, year-round community through housing.

Thank you for your consideration,



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